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MINNESOTA.

Fourth Convention of the Association of the Deaf.

HELD AT THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

From June 23d to June 26th --Over One Hundred in Attendance--Full Account of the Proceedings.

From the Faribault, Minn., Republican.

The fourth annual convention of the Minnesota Association for the Deaf was held at the State School for the Deaf last week, beginning on Tuesday evening and closing on Friday. There was a large attendance, about one hundred delegates, mostly outside of Faribault, and former pupils of the school, were present, and the occasion was one of the greatest enjoyment for all present. Mr. Olof Hanson, of this city, president of the association, called the convention to order, and delivered the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Once more we meet within the walls where most of us have spent many happy days. Our assembling on this occasion is an event of more than ordinary interest, because this year marks the most important change that has yet taken place in our *Alma Mater*—the retirement of our beloved counsellor, guide, and friend, Dr. Noyes, after having for thirty years guided the school safely, wisely, faithfully. One object of our coming together here is to honor this friend, and to bear testimony to the wholesome instruction received at his hands. As his counsel having been for harmony and good will, rather than for contention and strife, so I hope that our meetings will be characterized by good feeling and harmonious action.

This convention will be more in the nature of a re-union—a gathering of old friends. The business before us, while some of it is important, will not call for a great share of our time. The social side will have the greater prominence, and opportunity will be given for recalling some of the incidents of early days.

Among the questions of business which should receive attention at this meeting I will briefly mention a few:

Compulsory Education of the Deaf.—This was left to the Executive Committee at our last meeting, and will be considered in the report of that committee.

The Manual Alphabet.—The subject of disseminating a knowledge of the manual alphabet among the hearing was left with the Executive Committee, and will also be considered in its report.

A Permanent Fund.—At our last meeting in Minneapolis, Mr. Smith in a paper suggested that steps be taken to establish a permanent relief fund of which only the interest should be used, the principal being left to increase. No action was taken at that time, and I recommend that the matter be again taken up. As our State grows older there will be some deaf fortunates who will need help. Already several States have established homes for aged and infirm deaf. The deaf of Sweden have a fund of several thousand dollars to aid one another in case of sickness or need. I think that the benefits of such a fund should in general be limited to those who when able contribute to it. To hold such a fund, however, we will need to incorporate.

Educational.—It is right and proper for us to express our opinion as to what is best or otherwise in matters relating to the education of our class, based upon our own experience in the world. Such opinions will carry the most weight if expressed courteously, and while desirous that our opinions be given due consideration by those in authority, we do not desire to stir up ill feeling or discord, but simply wish to see such measures prevail or to be adopted as will tend to increase the happiness and welfare of coming generations of the deaf.

Accident Insurance.—Largely through the agitation of the deaf and our friends, life insurance, which a few years ago was closed to the deaf, is now open to us. But accident insurance in such a large company as the Travelers is still closed to us without any good reason. I recommend that action be taken toward securing a removal of restrictions on account of deafness.

After the addresses, committees were appointed on enrollment, nominations, resolutions, and picnic, and after a number of miscellaneous announcements had been made, the convention adjourned to meet again Wednesday morning.

The Wednesday morning session opened with prayer by Mrs. Schwirtz. By special request Hon. T. B. Clement, president of the board of directors, then stepped to the platform and in a few well chosen words welcomed the delegates and expressed the pleasure which the board felt at having the graduates meet here again, and extended to them the hospitality of the institution. Hon. Hudson Wilson followed with a few remarks in the same line, expressing his personal feeling of good will, as well as that of the board. Both speakers were heartily applauded.

Judge R. A. Mott was next called upon for a few remarks, and in his usual happy strain alluded to the early days of the school and the long service of the directors and Dr. Noyes. In selecting officers the Board wanted the best they could get; if the officers selected did their work well, they would stay; if not they would go. This had been the policy of the Board in the past and would be its policy in the future. He then added some sound thoughts on the relation of language and knowledge. A man might talk fluently like a flowing river, and yet say nothing. Language in such a case is of no value. Language is useful only to those who have worthy thoughts to express, therefore our first aim should be to get knowledge—solid, substantial knowledge—and then language will be useful in accordance with the amount of knowledge we possess. The address was interspersed with frequent witticisms and was much applauded. Mrs. A. N. Smith interpreted for the deaf, who thus received a very clear idea of what was said.

Next on the programme was an address to Dr. Noyes by Mr. A. R. Spear, in behalf of the association. He spoke of the Doctor's long and faithful service and the esteem in which he is held, not only in Minnesota but throughout the country. He referred to the recent coronation of the Czar at Moscow, where the people met to honor a man who by the accident of birth is their ruler. He said our gathering is not as large as the one at Moscow, nor will its proceedings be heralded over the world; nevertheless the homage of this little gathering is one of genuine love and respect, and the man we honor has earned it not by accident of birth but by his own honest toil for thirty years. Finally in behalf of the association, Mr. Spear asked the doctor and his faithful wife to accept as a slight token of the esteem of his former pupils a small gift which he hoped would be to them a pleasant reminder as long as God shall spare them. The present was then brought in.

Dr. Noyes, who knew nothing before hand of the matter, was greatly affected, but as the officers had anticipated this, a recess of fifteen minutes was taken to give opportunity for congratulations. The gift consisted of a handsomely carved leather upholstered couch and a set of eight dining room chairs, costing $115, the money for which was contributed by over two hundred deaf persons in the State, most of them former pupils of Dr. Noyes.

On being again called to order, the association listened to reports of the secretary and treasurer, and executive committee, and then elected the following officers for the next two years: A. R. Spear, Minneapolis, president; Olof Hanson, Faribault, 1st vice-president; Louis A. Roth, Faribault, now a senior at Gallaudet College, 2d vice-president; John Schwirtz, Faribault, secretary; L. W. Hodgman, Red Wing, treasurer.

In the evening a farewell reception was given Dr. and Mrs. Noyes, and was attended by nearly two hundred people, about half of whom were residents of Faribault. The guests were received by Dr. and Mrs. Noyes, Messrs. J. L. Smith and Olof Hanson, and during the three hours alloted to social pleasures a most enjoyable time was had by all.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Resolutions were passed favoring the Combined System of instructing the deaf, and opposing any attempt to teach all the deaf by any single method.

This resolution is aimed at those who try to have all the deaf taught by the oral method alone. The Combined System is the one used at the school in Faribault. All who can profit by it are taught to speak, but experience has shown that many can not learn to talk, but they can be taught by signs, and it would be unjust to them to waste their time trying to teach them to talk after it is clearly shown that they could not learn, so as to be of any practical value.

A resolution was passed that in the appointment of teachers of the deaf, other things being equal, preference should be given to those familiar with the sign language and manual alphabet.

The resolution in favor of compulsory education of the deaf of the state declares that—

"An education, to the deaf, is a necessity."

"The State of Minnesota makes liberal provision for the education of its deaf:"

"To deprive a deaf child of an education without good and sufficient cause, is a crime in fact, and should be in law."

"WHEREAS it is a fact that in many instances deaf children have been unjustly and unnecessarily deprived of the benefits of an education through the ignorance, negligence, selfishness, or indifference of parents or guardians, and that efforts to secure to them the benefits of instruction have been of no avail, therefore

"*Resolved*, That our law makers be urged to make laws by which deaf children, whose parents or guardians through ignorance, neglect, selfishness, indifference, or other causes refuse or neglect to provide for their education, may be rescued from the misfortune of growing up in ignorance."

It is interesting to observe that those deaf who have been to school are very anxious that other deaf should have the same privilege, and when they learn of a deaf child anywhere they will use every endeavor to have it sent to school.

A resolution was passed favoring a pension for Dr. Noyes, and a committee was appointed to urge the matter before the proper parties.

The following was passed unanimously:

"*Resolved*, That the Minnesota Association of the Deaf extends to the new Superintendent, Mr. James N. Tate, a cordial welcome to Minnesota, and offers him its hearty co-operation to promote the welfare of the deaf people of the state."

A resolution was passed asking that the School for the Deaf be taken out of the control of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, and placed on the same footing as other educational institutions.

This is as it should be. The deaf are subjects neither for charity nor correction. A great many people not familiar with the matter have a vague idea that somehow the deaf, the feeble-minded, and the insane are more or less alike, and the fact that they are together considered at the meetings and in the reports of boards of C. and C. lends color to this notion, which in turn works great injustice to the deaf in many ways in the efforts to win recognition, secure employment, and participate in enterprises from which not deafness but prejudice debars. Mr. Wright, ex-president of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections has publicly declared that the deaf are not property included in the "defective classes," along with criminals, paupers, and insane. The World's Congress' Auxiliary at Chicago, 1893, recognized the fact that questions relating to the deaf properly belonged to the department of education, and they were thus classified on the programme and in the proceedings throughout. It would be only a matter of justice to place the School for the Deaf where it belongs, with the educational institution of the State.

Resolutions of thanks were passed to the Board of Directors for its hospitality and hearty welcome; to the matron and her assistants for the excellent provisions made for the comforts of those attending; and to the retiring officers of the Association for their able conduct of its affairs. Thanks to others were proposed but the point was made and sustained that the honor of public acknowledgement should not be weakened by extending it indiscriminately right and left, but according it only to those who had specially earned it.

A proposition was considered to start a permanent fund for the relief of aged and infirm or needy deaf people, and a committee appointed to formulate a plan and report to the next convention two years hence.

The project of having a travelling missionary to give moral and religious instruction to the adult deaf scattered over the State was discussed, and a committee appointed to consider ways and means, and report at the next meeting.

Committees appoinied:

General Executive Committee—A. R. Spear, Minneapolis; Olof Hanson, J. Schwirtz, and L. Roth, Faribault; L. W. Hodgman, Red Wing; J. O'Leary, Minneapolis; D. Tousley, Le Sueur; C. Thompson and E. McNeil, St. Paul.

Committee on Permanent Fund—Smith, Sheridan, and Hodgman.

On Religious Work Among the Adult Deaf—Schwirtz, Schroeder, Hanson.

On Pension—Spear, Thomson, Schroeder, Bowen, Howard.

On Compulsory Education—Hanson, Smith, Tuck.

On Insurance—Hanson, Spear, Schroeder.

NOTES.

Mr. Spear, the new president, is the head of the Spear-Heywood Envelope Mfg. Co., of Minneapolis.

The picnic at Roberds Lake, Thursday afternoon and evening, was a very enjoyable affair. Lunch was served for about one hundred.

Chas Thompson, one of the delegates from North St. Paul, had just returned from a trip to Europe. He owns a fine stock farm near Windom.

Mrs. Hale, for a long time matron of the School, was one of the guests, and enjoyed the occasion as well as the delegates enjoyed seeing her again.

One of the young ladies present used to live in Minnesota and graduated at the school here. Her home is now at Denver, Col., and she came on alone.

One young couple was a trifle less than two hours returning from the lake by moonlight. He is reported that the only fault they found with the horse was that it was too fast.

Among the older persons present was De Witt Tousley, of Le Sueur, who was a pupil of Dr. Noyes at Hartford, Conn., before the Doctor was made Superintendent of the Minnesota school.

Delegates paid fifty cents a day each for entertainment at the School, which arrangement had been made at their own request, as they did not wish to be entertained wholly at the expense of the school.

Judging from appearances the graduates seem to be doing well, as all present were well dressed, and conducted themselves in a respectable and creditable manner. Dr. Noyes has reason to be proud of his children.

The convention was pleasant and harmonious from beginning to end. The proceedings were conducted in the sign language, and businesss was transacted in an orderly manner that would do credit to any public assembly.

When a lot of young people get together there is bound to be some fun, and there was. One young man had tied his horse to a post preliminary to taking a drive in the evening. When he came to start the horse's reins were crossed, and he had some difficulty getting things to rights.

The association has placed before the board of directors a request for a number of changes in the manner of conducting the school, and it is to be acted upon at the first meeting of the board, when in all probability several of the suggestions made will be adopted, as they are very reasonable, and commend themselves to any fair-minded person.

All the delegates were very anxious to be present at the meetings, but we doubt if there was one more eager than a lad from Minneapolis who did not have money enough for a railroad ticket and walked all the way down. When he stepped into Dr. Noyes' office Wednesday morning his eyes filled with tears and he rapidly signed, "Again do mine eyes behold thee, good friend; now let thy servant depart in peace." Dr. Noyes replied in surprise, "You are not going home at once?" "Yes, sir," replied the lad; "I walked down to see you and will be obliged to walk home because I have no money." The boy wasn't permitted to walk home, however, and he was the jolliest of the jolly at the reception Wednesday evening.

THE LITTLE OLD MAN.

Quite high up in a high house, in a poor quarter of Paris, lived a little old man. He blew a horn every night in the orchestra of a theater. It was rumored he had saved considerable money. What he would do with this money no one knew; only the mothers in the house hoped he would remember their children when he died. For he loved the children in the house.

There were many children, for many families lived there, so he had much to love. When he went to rehearsal he had to clear a passage on the stairs, the little ones crowded so to meet him. He usually had a paper of sweetmeats for them. Again, when a child of the house was missed, its mother would trudge up the many stairs to the topmost room and say: "M. Clerville, my little one should be here," and, sure enough, there it would be.

When the little ones were disobedient, you had but to say: "Ah, if M. Clerville could see you now," and the naughtiest one became an angel of goodness.

His love for their children made the mothers hope he would sometime bestow some of his savings upon Japueline, Armand, and the like. For he had lived here for nearly eighteen years, had worked all that time and spend but little, so he must have saved much. And for what? No one ever came to see him, he went nowhere but to the theater, and he had no friends save the children.

They did not know that the little old man was hoarding and saving for a child he had never seen.

It was like this: He had once thought that he could compose a great opera. For years and years he had dreamed about it, worked at it. In these years he had earned but little money, his wife toiling hard to support herself and her daughter. At last, just before her daughter's marriage, Mr. Clerville finished his opera, sent it to a manager, and had it returned to him. His wife was angry; she had stood so much. She and her daughter left the disappointed man, and he had never seen them from that day to this.

He knew that his daughter had married, that a little child had come. He determind to work and save for the child. He put away his opera, and went into an orchestra. This was eighteen years ago. He lost his sight of his wife and child, and grandchild; they had drifted somewhere. But one dream remained to him; he would some time have a goodly sum of money, and then he would hunt out his grandchild and give it to her, thus proving he had not been entirely useless in the world. He always thought of her as a little child. For this reason he loved all children.

Now, one night as he returned from the theater and was going up to his room, he heard a sweet voice singing a tune he had not heard for years. He stopped on the stairs. The song rose on the quiet air; it was an old Provencal song his mother had song years ago, the tune he had sung to his wife in the early happy days, the tune she is turn had sung to their child.

The door oppostie where he stood was standing open—a young girl stood there.

"Madamoiselle," he said, "I thank you for the song; my mother sang it to me when I was very young.

In his garret he thought of the song and of the young girl—what a sweet face hers was. Was it really like a face he had once known? He thought and thought about it until he fell asleep.

Now Marie, the young flower maker, was alone in the world, and had moved into the house that very day. It pleased her that she had pleased the little old man. So the next night when she heard him toiling up the stairs she again sang the old song.

"It must be pleasant for him to be reminded of his mother," she thought. "My mother sang it to me, too, and now she is dead."

The old song took the old man way back to happier days.

"And where have I seen a face like this young girl's?" thought he.

Night after night he heard the song when he came home from the theater; he would leave his room door open that he might hear it to the end. Once—it was soft spring night, and the lilacs were blooming he felt it more than ever.

"Oh, my dear grandchild," he said, "will I ever find you? And will you ever, ever love me?"

Again, one day he met Marie as he went down the stairs, the children all about him.

"Are you quite alone, madamoiselle!" he asked.

"Quite alone," she answered, "My parents are dead. I had a kind grandmother, but she died, too. And this is my birthday, monsieur. I am seventeen years old."

He stepped up to her raised himself on his tip-toes and kissed her pure white brow.

"It is thus I would have embraced my grandchild," he said to himself, as he hurried away.

After that he did not see her for a long while, though he often heard her singing the old song when he came from the theatre. Yet, when he was practicing up in his room, when the children were with him, when he was blowing his horn in the theatre—at all times he thought of Marie, and the thoughts of her brought back the old feelings he had once had, till he brought out his opera again, and dreamed once more of being successful.

One day, when he held a sleeping child in his arms and looking down upon its finished face, he thought, "Marie is young, and should have some one to protect her. I am old—why, I am old enough to be her grandfather. His grandfather! How strange."

"My own granddaughter may be as old as she! I never thought of that before." He leaned over the sleeping child, and presently something sparkled on its round cheek.

May be it was a tear that fell from the little old man's eye

Just then, Marie, making flowers down in her room, lifted up her voice and sang the old song of Provence. After that the little old man was braver in his clothes; sometimes he even had a flower in his coat.

"'I must look well,' he said, 'Marie shall teach me how my granddaughter would like me to look. My granddaughter! Ah, soon I shall go to her. I have saved a good deal."

But he did not see Marie for a while, and only her song told him she was near. It bade him be hopeful of yet meeting graddaughter who should love him as he already loved her. Then one night he came home and the song was silent. Startled, the hurried up the stairs. In the doorway of Marie's room stood a young man. Marie stood there too, and seeing Mr. Clerville, she began to sing the well-known song. But the little old man passed on to his garret.

"Oh," he thought, "my granddaughter may not love me when she knows me—there may be some one else."

The next day the room was locked; the children knocked the door and called, but he did not heed them. At night, when he went home, Marie was singing the song, but he hastened to his room and closed the door. Three weeks went on, and M. Clerville often saw the young man talking with Marie, and he thought that it might be thus with his granddaughter, and then she would never love him.

At the end of the three weeks Marie spoke to him as he came home from rehearsal.

"The good people in the house remember that to-morrow is your birthday, monsieur," she said. "I was telling Raymond here that you kissed me on my last birthday."

The young man at her side nodded.

"I kissed you as though you were my granddaughter," said the little old man, "as thought I were your grandfather."

"My grandfather!" and she frowned. "My grandfather was a useless, foolish creature, not right in his mind, with the insane idea that he could write an opera. I should despsie him if I knew him."

It all flashed upon the little old man—her old song, her familiar look. Here is the gradchild he had been saving for all these years; the grandchild whom he had longed for years, and whom he had loved and whose love he had been sure of. And she called him useless, foolish not right in his mind, and vowed that she should despise him if she knew him."

"How old and feeble he is," said the young man, Raymond, watching M. Clerville go up the stairs.

On the morrow Mary and Raymond went up to the garret. Marie had a parcel in her hand. The old man's room was full of smoke—he had burned his opera.

Marie handed him the parcel. With trembling fingers he opened it. There was a little wreath of forget-me-nots.

"I made it for your birthday," said Marie. "It is my last work. For to-morrow I shall be Raymond's wife, caring for no one else."

"Caring for no one else!" repeated the old man. "Now, supposed your grandfather should be living—"

"I should despise him," interrupted Marie. "He was useless in the world."

M. Clerville took a paper from his breast and gave it to her.

"The savings of many years," he said; "it is your wedding gift."

He put the two happy young people out and closed the door. He heard Marie singing the old song as she went away. He held the wreath of for-get-me-nots in his hand, and looked at the grate where smouldered the ashes of his opera. He listened to Marie's song growing fainter and fainter; he did not know that the children had opened the door and stood looking at him.

In vain Marie waited to sing for him that night; his step did not sound on the stairs. She grew uneasy. At last she had Raymond go with her up to the garret. She carried a candle, and that was the only light in the room when they reached it. And there on his bed lay the litlle old man. The wreath of blue forget-me-nots was pressed up against his heart that beat no more. Under the candle light he looked almort young.

The house was roused, and men and woman sorrowed. Had he not loved their children?

The clock struck twelve.

"It is not too late," said Marie, with streaming eyes. "He kissed me on my birthday; I will kiss him on his—as his grandchild might do." She leaned over and placed her face beside the white one on the pillow. "No one to love him," she wept, "and loving nothing but the memory of his mother who sang the old song I sing."

Ah, but Marie did not know.—*Home Queen.*

Where the Miracle Came In.

"Well Uncle Rasbury, how did you like the sermon?"

"It was a pow'ful sermon, Marse John."

"Where was it about?"

"It war' bout de mir'cle ob seven thousand loaves an' five thousand fishes bein' fed to de twelve' postles."

"Seven thousand loaves and five thousand fishes being fed to the apostles; but where does the miracle come in?"

Uncle Rasbury scratched his head a few moments meditively. Then he replied:

"Well Marse John, de mir'cle,' corain' to my preception ob de circumstances, is dat dey didn't bust."—*Wash. Time.*

TESLA ON MARRIAGE.

During a recent interview Mr. Tesla was asked if he believed in marriage for persons of artistic temperament. In reply he said that for an artist, musician, or writer, yes; but for an inventor, no. The first three, he said, may gain inspiration from a woman's influence and be led by their love to finer achievement, but an inventor, he believes, has so intense a nature "with so much in it of wild, passionate quality" that in giving himself to a woman he might love he would give everything, and so take everything from his chosen field. He does not think that many great inventions can be named that have been made by married men.—*American Electrician.*

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"He's true to God who's true to man;
Wherever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest
'Neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us,
And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all the race."

WHILE the convention of the National Association was in session, the President received a congratulatory telegram from the Minnesota Association of the Deaf, which was holding a reunion at Faribault at the same time. From the report of the proceedings of the Minnesota body, which we publish in this issue, it will be seen that it carried out a practical programme from beginning to end.

Expressions of love and gratitude to the *Alma Mater* and to the retiring Superintendent, dear old Dr. Noyes, are made conspicious throughout the proceedings and are but another proof of the loyalty of the deaf to their schools and to their friends and benefactors. The incident of the little fellow walking all the way from Minneapolis to see his old Superintendent fully justifies the assertion that the deaf have an abiding affection for their old teachers.

Education, the dissemination of the manual alphabet, the establishment of a permanent fund to help the needy deaf, favoring conferring by the Institution of a pension on Dr. Noyes, were among the subjects discussed. The work done at this meeting attests the importance of associations of the deaf when properly managed by public spirited and able deaf gentlemen such as control the Minnesota Assocation.

OUR Philadelphia correspondent this week gives a full account of the Ninth Conference on Church Work Among the Deaf, held at All Souls' Church, Philadelphia, Pa., June 27th to 29th.

As will be seen by the report, the number present, and actively engaged in the good work in ministering to the deaf, has increased and the majority are themselves deaf.

The uniformity in the use of sign in conducting services, and the best way to get hold of deaf-mute locally, received much attention. The reprinting of the sermon delivered by the late Bishop Stevens on the occasion of the ordination of the late Rev. Henry Winter Syle was a wise move. The other nature of the business was the work done by each missionary, which in every instance showed that much progress had been made.

IN this issue we print the synopsis of the Baccalaureate sermon, preached by the Rev. Samuel H. Virgin, D. D., to the graduates of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, June 7th, and hope many will profit by reading it.

PHILADELPHIA.

The Ninth Conference on Church Work Among the Deaf.

AT ALL SOULS' CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

A Full Report of the Meeting, Which Was a Representative One--The News of the Week.

From our Philadelphia Correspondent.

According to the programme, which had been publicly announced a reception proceeded the opening of the Ninth Conference on Church Work Among the Deaf, at All Souls' Church for the Deaf, on Saturday, June 27th, at 8 P.M. Although admission was by card none were refused admittance, and as a result the hall under the church was well filled with the deaf, and most of the remaining delegates to the National Convention, of whom there were between thirty and fifty. On the platform were seated the clergy and lay men, who were to take an active part in the conference.

They were Rev. Dr. Gallaudet and his assistant, Rev. John Chamberlain, of New York, Rev. J. M. Koehler, the rector of All Souls' Church; Rev. A. W. Mann, of Ohio; Rev. J. H. Cloud, of Missouri; Rev. C. O. Dantzer, of Western New York; and the following lay-readers, H. Van Allen, of the Diocese of Albany, N. Y., O. J. Whilden, of Baltimore, Md., Wm. G. Jones, of New York, M. C. Fortescue and Jas. S. Reider, of All Souls' Church. Mr. Christian Snyder also occupied a seat on the platform, he being the only regularly appointed delegate sent, and represented St. John, the Baptist's Mission, of Reading, Pa. Rev. Job Turner, who was expected to be present failed to appear, and it was learned that he had suddenly left the city for the South on Friday. Rev. Mr. Searing, of Boston, sent his regrets at his inability to attend the Conference.

The reception opened with short address by all the visiting clergy and laymen, each of whom Pastor Koehler introduced to the congregation, after which the time was spent in pleasant sociability. Refreshments consisting of ice-cream and fancy cakes were served to all by the matronly assistance of Mrs. Mary A. Rocap.

The Joint Reception Committee was composed of Mrs. M. J. Syle, Wm. H. Lipsett, John M. Wismer, Mrs. H. E. Stevens, Cora Ford, Dora Kintzel, Harry E. Stevens, Harry G. Gunkel and Mrs. T. D. Delp.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH.

At 10:30 o'clock in the morning Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. J. M. Koehler, assisted by the Rev. C. O. Dantzer, at All Souls' Church.

At 2:30 in the afternoon Evening Prayer was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Cloud. Rev. Mr. Koehler signed the lesson while Rev. Mr. Chamberlain read it aloud at the same time; and Mr. J. S. Reider led the responses.

The sermon was preached by the pastor, whose text was from Romans 8:18—"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed."

"How much there is for us to admire in the life of the great apostle, the speaker of the words quoted," said Mr. Koehler. "How great, indeed, was his confidence in the power and glory and goodness of God! His faith was sublime and his life should be taken by us an example by which to train our own thoughts and actions.

"St. Paul spoke out to the whole world his faith in Christ. There was no doubt in his manner, but he realized fully the divinity of Christ and the wonderful truths of His mission on earth."

After the sermon, Rev. A. W. Mann, of Gambier, O., told of the progress in church work among the deaf-mutes of the West, and especially in the larger cities, like St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Columbus and Cincinnati. Every churchman should rejoice, he said, for all over the land the same spirit was manifest. The deaf-mutes, he continued, should all unite under the church banner. He found them everywhere, willing and anxious to come into the Church, and his own record was the enrolling of six hundred and thirty persons. He was proud of the achievement, he said, and was encouraged to prosecute the noble work unto the end.

Dr. Gallaudet followed with a brief address, in which he spoke of the fifty years he had been engaged in deaf-mute church work. His life's labors would soon be ended, he said, but he was happy in the thought that so many earnest workers had been brought in. There need be no fear that it would be neglected, but, on the other hand, it was growing stronger yearly and more strong endeavorers were constantly coming to the rescue.

Wm. G. Jones, of New York, then signed the hymn, "Church is One Foundation," it at the same time being read by Dr. Gallaudet.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet.

In the evening the clergy and layman were invited to supper by Rev. Mr. Koehler at his residence in Germantown.

MONDAY, JUNE 29TH.

The business sessions of the Conference were held on this day at All Souls' Church for the Deaf, Franklin Street, above Green.

"This is the only church in the country maintained for and by the deaf alone. Like other churches, it has a society Pastoral Aid, Guild and literary association, and in proportion to its membership does a great work in comparison with many other churches. It is not entirely self-supporting, but receives aid from the Diocesan fund. The first rector was Rev. Henry Winter Syle, a deaf-mute, son of a missionary of the Church of England to China. He was a wonderfully scholarly man, being an accomplished linguist, if such a term can be used in connection with one destitute of speech, and whose use of the tongues he acquired, after assidnous study and earnest effort, was necessarily confined to writing them. His premature death, of pneumonia, on Epiphany Day, 1890, was seriously felt, but his active young successor, Rev. J. M. Koehler the present incumbent, is ably filling his place."

The morning session was preceded by a short service conducted by the rector, Rev. J. M. Koehler, which included the Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Confession, Epistle for the day and several collects.

Rev. James H. Cloud, of St. Louis was chosen Chairman of the Conference, and Rev. J. M. Koehler, Secretary.

The work was then begun, and much time was consumed in and earnest discussion of the following subjects:

To devise a plan for uniformity in the sign rendering of important parts of the service, such as the Lord's Prayer, Confession, Apostles' Creed, etc.; how best to get hold of deaf-mutes locally; the value of the Prayer-book and the Prayer-book services, and a greater use of hymns.

The Rev. Mr. Koehler, in the advocating the use of the sign-languge in important parts of the service, said that under the varied usage at present, when a clergyman is sent to a new field, his people sometimes get confused, because they have been taught a different form. He illustrated his point by taking the phase "Thy will be done" in the Lord's Prayer, and giving the different sign interpretation.

Referring to the religious work for the deaf being carried on by denominations outside of the Protestant Episcopal Church, if was stated that some confusion had been created in several instance by the efforts to these people to carry on deaf-mutes who had already been gathered into missions of the Church. Mr. Koehler said that the Church does not want to have any controversy in the matter, but that the Conference ought to decide how to deal with it.

Another subject discussed was the advisability of reprinting a sermon delivered by the late Bishop Stevens on the occasion of the ordination of Mr. Syle, now out of print. It was stated that besides being very eloquent the sermon had done much good in removing the prejudice of some clergy against ordaining deaf-mutes to the priesthood. It was agreed to have it reprinted for distribution and sale.

These matters occupied both the morning and afternoon sessions and after other business of minor importance was transacted the conference adjourned.

The meeting in the evening was of a missionary character. Addresses were made by Archdeacon Brady. Bishop Whitaker and Revs. Cloud and Dantzer each of whom gave a brief resume of the work in their respective dioceses.

A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, who was unable to be present, giving a brief summary of the church work among the deaf of this diocese. The letter paid a well-deserved tribute to the late Rev. Henry W. Syle, through whose earnest labors the present place of worship for the deaf was purchased.

Rev. A. W. Mann, who had also been prevented from attending this meeting, left a written report of his work in the Mid-Western Diocese, where he had preached about 4000 times, baptized 738 and confirmed 630. Messrs. Van Allen, Whildin and Snyder also reported the progress of the Missions which they represented.

Mrs. Chas. M. Pennell is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill in Phoenxiville, Pa., and will remain about a fortnight.

The meeting of All Souls' Working People's Club was well attended last Thursday evening. Mr. T. D'Estrella of California, gave an interesting talk on life in the Golden State, touching also upon its picturesque beauty. Afterwards he answered a number of questions asked by those in the audience. Prof. Vail, of Indiana, also had a few words to say and, lastly, it fell to the lot of the inemitable Prof. Jones, of New York, to arouse those who had already fallen under the influence of Morphens. Among those present were Rev. Mr. Koehler, Prof. Fox, Mr. Pach, Mr. Van Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Leow, Mr. Ziegler, Mrs. Syle, Miss Keen and a number of other well-known deaf.

The Philadelphia *Press* last week reported that Andrew Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, a deaf-mute, was seriously injured by the explosion of a giant cracker on the evening of July 3d. He had stopped to see why it did not go off, when the explosion took place, causing his injury.

During convention week a peculiar little incident occured to one of our number. With a friend, he had just emerged out of a restaurant, at noon, when he discovered his silk umbrella on fire. He hestitated about calling out the fire department, and trusted his own powers to extinguish the fiery element, even scorning water. But alas! his head, which may, and may not have been exactly level at the time, proved inadequate to the task, on account of the very perishable nature of the material, and he gave it up.

Commencing next Sunday services at All Souls' Church will be held in the morning at 10:30, instead of in the afternoon, and continue so until September.

A party of thirteen, consisting of Miss Cora Ford, Miss A. B. Sheddy, Miss Heim, of Kane, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fortescue, Mr. and Mrs. Delp, Mr. and Mrs. Reider and their daughter Sadie, and Messrs. R. E. Underwood, Lloyd Hutchinson and Wm. McKinney, spent the afternoon of the Fourth in a leafy recess of Fairmount Park in picnic pleasure. The patriotism of this merry company was perhaps, most evident in its number, there being one person for each of the thirteen original States. This fact was commented upon towards evening after the company had selected its vantage-ground from which to view the grand pyrotechnic display on Girard Avenue bridge. The wise ones argued that as the States had been so eminently successful in securing their independence, so this company had no reason to fear any illluck to result from its number. A nod of approval from all showed the harmonious temper of the company, and Tom Breen, who is getting famous for hiss belief in bad luck in the number thirteen, was laughed to scorn. The subject of conversation was then changed, but presently—it may have been five minutes or a few precious moments—the company was suddenly startled, not by the dignified roar of cannon or the snap and his of the fire cracker, but by a thud felt all around and caused by the breaking down in their midst of Mr. Fortescue's camp stool, in which he had prided all day for the superior convenience it afforded him. The mishap had the effect of recalling the previous subject, and, when later in the evening during the progress of the fireworks display, the enjoyment of the whole "13" was interrupted by a shower of rain which compelled them to seek shelter elsewhere, their temper changed somewhat. Though there was an entire absence of profanity, which must be said to the credit of the "13," yet some, and probably all of them, are now considering the humility of seeking a pardon from Tommy and a consoling handshake.

The Rev. C. O. Dantzer celebrated Holy Communion at All Souls' Church for the Deaf last Sunday afternoon, and preached an excellent sermon. His text was from I Peter, Chapter III. "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing."

The Fourth of July being Rev. Mr. Koehler's birthday, a number of his friends paid their respects to him at his residence, and in turn he invited them to supper.

Because the P. S. A. D. saw fit to re-elect its worthy President "Ted" thinks the society was hard up for good material. Why is "Ted" retained so long as New York's correspondent to the JOURNAL? Good material scarce???

John Q. Hahn will in a day or two start on his vacation which is to last till September. He will visit Pittsburgh, and other places in the Western part of the State, Cleveland, Ohio, and points in West Virginia.

We learn through a friend that Miss Virginia Gallaudet, a daughter, of Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, will accompany friends to Europe this summer.

Charles S. Yoder, who has spent the past three months at Ocean City, surprised his friends by his appearance in the city last week, looking hale and hearty. He will return to the city by the sea in a few days.

Messrs. Breen, Wilson and Gunkel thought it patriotic to witness the big games of baseball on the Fourth.

Prof. Beers, of Virginia, said to be a teacher of forty years standing, is visiting here.

Among the visitors seen at All Souls' Church on Sunday, were Miss Annie Lowery, of Ohio, and Miss Coley, of New York.

Washington Houston, subscription agent for the JOURNAL here, secured nineteen new subscribers and three renewals by old subscribers during convention week. A pretty good haul.

Theodore Natter has just returned from a two weeks visit to Pottsville, Harrisburg, Steelton and other places and reports having had a very good time.

W. W. Thomas, of Yonkers, N. Y., came to Philadelphia awheel last Friday, and is the guest of his brother Quad Washington Houston. It look him a good day's spin to cover the trip. He leaves for home to-day.

Edward Hahn, of Buffalo, N. Y., was a visitor to this City last week, and left on Monday for New York City.

The American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, is holding daily sessions since the first of the month at Mt. Airy. There is a good attendance of teachers there, and we were told that nearly thirty deaf are registered at the Institution, to attend the meetings.

J. S. R.

PHILA., July 6, 1896.

SYNOPSIS OF THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

PREACHED BY REV. SAMUEL H. VIRGIN, D.D., IN THE CHAPEL OF THE NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7, 1896.

St. Luke 9:34—"They feared as they entered into the cloud."

There is presented to us in this text a condition and an experience. The condition is that of obscurity and is represented by the cloud.

The cloud is the symbol of obscurity. When the skies are clear at night we can see the stars shining brightly and easily trace all the constellations. In the day time, when all is fair, we can see the bird flying to and fro, the kite sailing before the wind and the balloon rising steadily in the air. But when the mist comes in from the sea, the fog rises in the valley, the cloud forms in the sky and all things are obscured,—bird, kite and balloon are hidden. Everything looks dark and though our eyes are still undimmed, we cannot see clearly. The experience is that of a disturbed spirit. The condition is the cause of the experience.

Thus it is when the light leaves us we naturally have a feeling of fear; we fear as we enter the cloud. With clear skies we know no fear. Sunshine dispells our fears, while darkness increases them.

This is related of men like ourselves. They were not unique characters, having nothing in common with us. James, Peter and John were good men, and were faithful followers of Christ. They had been with him a long time. They saw much him and of his work, and heard his preaching. They were common men; and though they were with Him on the mountain they feared as they entered the cloud. We are like them and would have shared their feeling had we been in their places. We are constantly having this experience, when this condition occurs.

This is an illustration of our lives. We love the light and feel confidence in it. We dislike darkness, and we dare do little when there is no light. We naturally shun dark places.

To the graduates who are soon to leave here, this truth is especially appropriate. When leaving an Institution like this where the duties of daily life have become familiar, you are entering a cloud and feel afraid. You cannot see what lies ahead of you; it is a new world in obscurity.

Now this cloud has several meanings which I will explain.

FIRST: The cloud is the symbol of the unseen.

It hides that which is before us and leaves us in uncertainty. If the cloud were not there we could see ahead. Were our future lives laid out before us in their fullness, we would have less fear for we could prepare for the worst, or we would cease to exert ourselves if we knew that our lives would be prosperous and happy. But we cannot obtain such a view of our lives. Our future is beyond our power of sight. Therefore we fear when we think what the unseen part of our lives may be.

SECOND: The cloud is the symbol of the uncertain.

We are uneasy when about to face anything which involves uncertainty. No such fear is felt when the issue of each event is fixed and definite in our minds.

You are all on the threshold of vacation. But what it will bring you, no one can tell. None of us know how long we shall live. Life itself is uncertain. As you think of the future, you find that you are in doubt as to whether you will meet with success or struggle with constant defeat. You wonder whether your friends will treat you with kindness or shun you or thrust you aside. You cannot discover whether your training will bear immediate fruit or whether it will be years before any benefit will be obtained. No panorama of life is given to us. None of us can be sure of a prosperous life in a region where we have never been before, and where circumstances oblige us to dwell for a time. In all these uncertainties which belong to our future days the cloud fills us with fear.

THIRD: The cloud is the symbol of the untried.

We fear because of unfamiliarity with what may come. While here at the Institution you have had no fear. You know what you are to do to-morrow in the class room, because you have done the same thing daily. You know what is expected of you on the play ground because you have often been there. You are at ease on the ball field, and you can run the bases, catch a ball, and throw it straight without any nervous fear in advance. All this is familiar to you. What we have often tried, we are not afraid of.

But when you are called upon to play a strange game, you shrink from it because you cannot tell how to play it. If you were asked to ride on a cable car for the first time, you might fear to do so, as it would be new to you and you might fear accident. But suppose you were asked to take a long walk, you would not fear to do so for walking is not new to you. We are afraid to enter upon new duties because they are untried. So with our careers in life; everything ahead of us is untried, and on that account we fear as we enter the cloud. The cloud stands for the unseen, the uncertain and the untried.

Now, why are we afraid?

FIRSTLY: Because of our ignorance.

One morning in the West Indies, the slaves noticed that the sun did not seem to rise. They became afraid and believed that the world was coming to an end. They flocked to their churches in terror. But one educated man opened his window, gathered some of the deposit on the sill, and quietly said, "Light the lamps. The volcano on the distant island has become active." He felt no fear because he knew that the smoke from the volcano in eruption had obscured the sun from view. His learning soon quieted their fears.

Ignorance is nearly always accompanied by fear. We cannot help being afraid while under the cloud of ignorance which leads to superstition. Knowledge gives power by removing anxiety and distress. When a good reason can be given for unusual circumstances, all alarm is taken away. If we are properly equipped for our work we need have no fear of failure.

SECONDLY: We are afraid because of possible inability.

The weakness of our spirits prompts us to fear. Fear is right in its proper place. For instance we may properly fear to buy and sell stocks without any experience. If we were to see a lion in our path, we ought to be afraid. It would be foolhardy for us to meet him while unable to cope with him, so we would at once seek a place of safety. But if we were armed with a gun and could defend ourselves, we might then banish fear.

So with the future; we fear from inability. We think of the many things before us, we fear because we are not equal to the demands. We are then as the three men in the text who feared as they entered the cloud.

We should above all things, fear God. That is the beginning of wisdom. Such fear is an admission of our ignorance as compared with God, and an acknowledgement of our dependence upon Him in everything as our guide through the cloud. Right fear is not cowardice. It is an important element in a well rounded life. Each of you should be a whole boy, a whole girl. Fear God and keep his Commandments always.

But when we see a rift in the cloud that overshadows us what a change there is in our feelings! We no longer fear, because courage comes with the light. The three men entered into the cloud and they feared, but it brought them the richest experience of their lives. There they heard the voice of God, there they saw the glory of their Lord and they feared no longer. Their fear was turned to confidence and they longed to remain there the rest of their days. That which they dreaded most brought them the most of blessing. In the cloud they experienced a consciousness (1) of the existence of God, (2) of the presence of God, (3) of the communication of God. This was of unspeakable value to them. Their fear was only on the margin of their experience;—it was on the edge of the cloud.

It is good to be in the cloud, in the companionship of Christ for then the heart is made strong. God is in it and will lead us from it. We need have no fear if we only walk in the right path, depending on God and with a perfect trust in him. Perfect love at length conquers fear. Let us love him and always try to obey his laws. After Peter, James and John had been through the cloud they became more faithful to Jesus, working willingly and preaching more fervently. Life had a new charm for them and they spoke of the cloud as the place where they saw the divine glory.

Young friends; you who are about to graduate have some fear for the future; the cloud hangs over it, your eyes seek in vain to penetrate it and read what it contains for you. You come to your graduation with anxiety. You are now on the edge of the cloud. I pray God to remove fear from your hearts by the lesson of this afternoon. God is your real friend. So fear not; go forward bravely and trust in him. Moses and Elias joined Jesus in the cloud. The disciples saw them and heard their conversation. So shall friends multiply about you. The silence in which you live shall but increase the blessings with which God will enrich you, if you faithfully do His will. Preserve a serene spirit.

Be loyal to God's Commandments. Become His with His impress upon you. Shrink from no cloud into which he leads you. Keep your souls pure. Then, when this world's struggles are over, and you approach the cloud that veils the eternal home, God will take you to Himself, reveal the splendors of His Kingdom and give you speech to praise Him where the clouds are forever cleared away, and the light shines eternally.

King—Lindsay.

IMPRESSIVE MARRIAGE IN ACCOMAC OF A DEAF COUPLE.

The following, written by a resident of Accomac, is taken from the Richmond *Dispatch* of yesterday:

One of the most attractive weddings that ever occurred in Accomac was that of Miss Pearl Beatrie King to Mr. Frank Atwell Lindsay, at Mappsville Baptist Church, Wednesday, June 24th. The bride and groom, being deaf, made the occoasion one of unusual solemnity. The ceremoney was impressively performed by Rev. J. L. King, brother of the bride, and was interpreted in a graceful manner by Mr. James Lindsay, brother of the groom and editor of the Charlottesville *Daily Progress*.

At 10 o'clock, to the strains of Mendelshohn's wedding march, rendered by Mr. John L. Rayfield, the bridal party entered the church. First were the flower-children—little Miss Myrtle Lea of North Carolina, and Master Sidney King of Mappsville, niece and nephew, respectively of the bride; then followed the ushers—Mr. V. S. Deitrick of Richmond, and Mr. S. Womble of North Carolina. Miss Florence Wood of Modestown, and Miss Bessie Johnson of Upper Accomac dressed in white organdie, acted as bridesmaids; and Messrs. George and Will Gillespie as groomsmen. After the attendants had taken their stand, one couple to the right and the other to the left of the pulpit, the groom entered with his brother. Mr. James Lindsay, of Charlottesville, who served as bestman. Then calmly came the bride, attired in a becoming traveling suit of green, carrying a beautiful cluster of bride roses, and attended by the maid of honor, Miss Sallie Dunston, of Northampton, tastily gowned in organdie. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens.

After the ceremoney and congratulation of many friends the bridal party drove to Hallwood, where they took the Northbound train for their future home, in Charlottesville. They were the recipients of many useful and handsom presents.

The groom is a popular and enterprising young man of Charlottesville, foreman of *The Daily Progress* of that city, and the bride one of Virginia's most accomplished and attractive daughters.—*Charlottesville, (Va.) Daily Progress.*

Of what use are forms, seeing at times they are empty? Of the same use as barrels, which are at times empty too.—*Hare.*

Glory is like a circle in the water, which never ceaseth to enlarge itself, till by broad spreading it disperse to naught.—*Shakspeare.*

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NEW YORK.

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EXCURSION NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Another Murder Trial in Which One of the Deaf Figures, But Only as a Witness--Doings In and About the Great Metropolis.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Theo. I. Lounsbury's address is 226 East 59th Street, New York City.

Undoubtedly the very best outing for the deaf during the summer months is the annual excursion given by the Deaf-Mutes' Union League. These have become a fixed feature of the summer months and are always eagerly looked forward to. At first there were some fears that the Union League would skip this year, but, fortunately they decided not to forego this annual custom, and next Wednesday, July 15th, the deaf will have the opportunity to again enjoy a whole day's outing. The deaf don't flock to these excursions by the dozens or by the scores, but by the hundreds, and the steamer is generally taxed to its utmost capacity. Next Wednesday will prove no exception to the rule, and those desirous of participating in the day's pleasantries will do well to study the matter so as not to miss the boat. Full particulars can be found in the advertisement on the last page.

Chairman Bachrach and his aides have been energetic in preparing the details, and those who attend are assured of a day's enjoyment worth ten times the money invested.

Mrs. M. R. Palmer and Misses Flynn and Dugdale, of Albany, will grace the excursion with their presence.

A round dozen New Englanders have signified their intention of coming down, among them Archie McL. Baxter and Mr. Melville of New Haven.

It is only a short time since the Eglau murder gradually became past history and all hopes of capturing the assassin were practically abandoned, when again come the deaf prominently before the public in the shape of William Roberts being the star witness in the shooting of Mr. Thornton by Policeman Allingham. Roberts saw the shooting from his doorway and swore it was not warranted, as the policeman was in no danger of his life and therefore not acting on the defensive. However, there were other witnesses for the defense and the grand jury refused to indict.

William Roberts is not very well known among the deaf. He came to this country from London some five years ago, and after residing with a deaf family in Yorkville for a while, he left and was seldom seen there after, the impression prevailing that he had returned to England. He is a painter by trade, and is generally an intelligent fellow.

The German Pleasure Club had an outing of their own on July 4th to Greenwood Lake, about eight participating. Owing to a misunderstanding as to the time, a few got left and instead of waiting for a later train, decided to spend the Glorious Fourth in the Glorious Metropolis.

Alex L. Pach is in Philadelphia, training his lens on the Speech Association folks.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Mahoney, of Canarsie, felt their house sink on Saturday evening and upon searching the cause, found that five pounds avoirdupois had been added to their household. The little girl is a tiny mite, but looks wilful enough to be a stayer. Con-gra-tu-la-tions!

James Britt's mother died two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown's baby boy died two weeks ago, at the age of one month and four days.

Miss Fannie Taggard will recuperate in the wilds of New Jersey after the excursion. Her parents are already there.

Mrs. Theo. I. Lounsbury and children returned from Albany last week, owing to the sickness of little Etta, thus cutting short a stay that was to last till the middle of the month.

J. D. Shea has joined the Leontines and will tour the Eastern States.

News comes from Saratoga Springs of the birth of a baby to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fosmire. All will rejoice with them, yet regret to hear of the ill health of Mr. Fosmire.

Mrs. A. H. Kohlmetz, who won the prize of a dozen photographs in the bowling match at the Quad Club's picnic, has had her son's likeness taken and pronounces it excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meinken propose moving, and consequently are on a still hunt for nice quarters.

Mrs. H. J. Juhring will spend the greater part of the summer at Norwalk, Conn.

The Xaviers are playing good ball, but badly need a mascot to accompany them. What is the matter with Johnny Lloyd?

The Jersey boys are making great preparations for their picnic on Saturday, August 29th.

The Brooklyn Guild of Silent Workers is considering the feasibility of holding a picnic ere Fall.

The Empire State Association seems to need a new pair of lungs. Let the Oneida County boys shove the next meeting place this way and see if a new impetus is not given it. Past experiences don't count. A good way to infuse life into the Donkeysociation would be to invite a hundred of the deaf to read papers at the next meeting. Of course, "for want of time," only two or three of them would be read, but the result would be a hundred and thirty-six dollars from membership dues—taking thirty-six as the average membership roll.

TED.

DEAF-MUTE WEDDING.

A JUNE WEDDING OF PECULIAR INTEREST. THE MINISTER, THE PRINCIPALS AND THE ATTENDANTS ARE ALL DEAF.

Among the notable weddings which made bright the last day of June was that of Miss Adella Florence Barker and Mr. Rion Hoel. An element of peculiar interest in this wedding was that both principals were deaf-mutes. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Martha J. Barker, at 71 Woodlawn Ave., in the presence of about thirty invited guests. The predominating decoration was field daisies, great bunches of which were banked and clustered on the mantles and filled the jardiniers in pretty nooks and corners.

The bride was attended by Miss Mabel Fisher, of Athens, O., while the groom was able supported by Mr. William DeSilver, of Cincinnati, both of whom were also deaf-mutes. The officiating clergyman was Rev. A. W. Mann, the deaf-mute Episcopalian minister of Gambier, assisted by Rev. F. W. Bope, rector of St. James Church, this city. The order of the ceremony was the Episcopal ring service, Rev. Mr. Mann repeated the service in the sign language, Rev. Mr. Bope interpreting it aloud for the benefit of the hearing guests. At the conclusion of the ceremoney the guests were invited to the breakfast room where an elegant wedding breakfast was served. After gowns were changed and good-byes were said the newly married couple took the 12:10 train on the Pan Handle for Waynesville, O., where after July 15th, they will be at home to their friends at Kildare Farm.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. E. H. Hoel and Miss Elizabeth Hoel, of Waynesville; Miss Lena Maynard, Mr. George H. Barker, and Mr. N. L. Barker, of Columbus; Mr. William De Silver, Cincinnati; Mrs. Packer and daughters, of Waynesville; the Misses Dilitush, daughters of the late Judge Dilitush, of Lebanon, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hunt and family, of Cincinnati.

Mr. Hunt is president of the Cincinnati, Portsmouth & Virgina Railroad, and came to this city with his family in his private car Virginia, making the return trip to Cincinnati by the early afternoon C. & M. V.—*Zanesville, (Ohio) Time, July 1.*

NEW HAVEN, CT.

THE DEAF'S ANNUAL PICNIC.

On the morning of the glorious Fourth, a party of deaf-mutes left Old Green Park at 9 A.M., to take the trolley for Belle Dock; from the later place, they got on board the steamboat "Victor," which conveyed them to Pawson Park, a beautiful place for a picnic, especially on the Fourth. The deaf enjoyed the outing in dancing and the many other sports, which the place abounds, such as swings, rowing, and other amusements, including fire-works in the evening.

In the afternoon the party, who all brought their lunch with them, partook of the good things, and when all had ate all that they could, there was enough left to feed about fifty more persons.

Mr. Edgar Markville managed the affair, and to the satisfaction of all present, which include twenty-five, their names to low:

Mr. H. M. Fairman, Mr. Dana W. Taylor, Mr. James R. Hine, Mr. William Flannagan, Mr. Isaac P. Williams, Mr. Patrick F. Williams, Miss Ada Beach, Mr. William Sullivan, Mr. J. Elliott Taplin, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Axt, Mr. and Mrs. John McCue, Mr. Charles Dermody, Miss Mary Brennan, Miss Mary E. Barrett, Miss Katie McQueeney, Miss Lesie K. Weis, Mr. Lester Halt, Miss Jennie Robertson, Miss Lena Burke and Miss Annie Shea.

COLUMBUS.

Ohio Largely Represented at the Convention.

A PICNIC TO MINERVA PARK.

A Note from Here and There about the Deaf.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

The Ohio Institution will be well represented at the Philadelphia Convention for the Promotion of Teaching Speech to the Deaf. Every one of the teachers engaged in that method here will be there. In addition several others from the State at large will form part of the convention. Tuesday night on one of the Pennsylvania Railroad trains Misses Atwood, Boggs, Brunning, Doane, Greener and Mrs. Sites joined by Misses Booth and Kinsley, of the Indiana School left together for Philadelphia. On another road Mrs. Mausner and Miss Mary Clarke and Miss Anna Clark the latter the daughter of ex-Supt. Clark left together. Superintendent Jones went to Putin bay Wednesday morning to attend the State Teachers Association and from there will go on over to Philadelphia. While Miss Schenck, of the Cleveland Day School will also be in attendance. On the whole Ohio will cut a wide swath at the meeting just as she did at the Flint Convention a year ago.

Mr. McGregor's wheel came from the repair shop in time for him to go off on a jaunt Saturday afternoon. He left in company with Elmer Elsey for Jeffersonville for a few day's visit. From there he will go to Dayton to see the boys and then to Middletown and Mansburg, intending to be gone a week or more.

Mr. Zorn returned to the city Sunday morning. He was chuck full of Gallaudet Alumni reunion and National Convention talk. On the whole he enjoyed the meetings, and thinks those who failed to attend them missed good things. The attendance at both was a disappointment, but that was to be expected. Not a representative was present from the New England States, and many of the Philadelphia deaf though attending the meeting failed to join the organization. Mr. Zorn had a good word for the committee of arrangements for the excellent manner in which it provided for the entertainment of the members.

Mr. Rion Hoel and Miss Adelia Barker were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride in Zanesville, Rev. A. W. Mann performed the ceremoney. They will be at home after the 15th inst., at Lebanon. They stopped here for an hour or two Thursday.

Miss Nellie Dundon is home again from a two weeks visit in St. Louis with relatives.

Another of the co-eds of Gallaudet College has secured work in the bindery for the vacation. The last is Miss Sadie Young. There are three of them there now, and they ought certainly not to feel lonesome. All of them are making rapid progress in learning how to fold and if they keep at it will have plenty of pin money during next term of College. Miss Emma Burrell Pratt was also added to the force during the week.

Lary Dresback was in the city this week in quest of work. He expected to apply at the steel works for a job, but as the concern has closed down for a while there will be little prospects for him to secure a place. Better stay on the farm even if the work is hard, at times.

Mrs. Frank Friday, of Chicago, is in Cleveland for a two week's visit with relatives but will hardly have time to make her many Columbus friends, much as they would like her to do so.

The Saturday half holiday law is a good thing for those in office in that it gives them a breathing spell from their work. Saturday afternoon a dozen of the bindery employes went up to Minerva Park for a picnic and enjoy having a good time, boat riding formed one of the past times. One of the boats got stuck under its avoirdupois of femine weight and for a time there was consternation among the occupants as to how to reach *terra cotta* without wet shoes. Aid however, came to them and they landed safely. Mr. Ed. King was along with his camera and took several views of the party, one of them while lunching. Those who composed the party were Misses Feasley, Jones, Biggam, Lamson, Young, Heyl, Patterson, Rodman, Bard, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Ed. King.

Miss Mary Fowlis was receiving the sympathy of her friends over the death of a nephew this week. This is the second of a like affliction within a short time that has come to her.

Thomas F. Goldsmith was in town Friday buying materials for his camera outfit. A. B. G.

July 4, '96.

Deaf-Mute Housebreakers.

THEY ADMIT HAVING ROBBED A RESIDENCE AT HAVERFORD AND TELL WHAT THEY DID WITH THE PLUNDER.

Detectives Tale and Ulrich unwittingly stumbled not only upon two housebreakers, but also a reward of $100, when they arrested the deaf-mutes, Julius Miller and Edward Carr, last Friday, for having in their possession a lady's bicycle which was believed to have been stolen. Subsequently to the arrest, as has been already stated, the detectives recovered booty, valued at about $400, which represented the proceeds of a robbery of the house of J. Rulon Miller, at Haverford, Pa. The only point that remained to be clinched was the identification, and this was done yesterday by Mr. Miller himself, when he returned in response to summons from police headquarters from Grinnell, N. Y., where his household was domiciled for the summer. The booty was composed of articles of a luxurious character, and Mr. Miller experienced no difficulty in recognizing it.

The prisoners had already aided the authorities considerably by writing an account of the robbery in response to a series of written questions by the two detectives.

Miller was the original spokesman, if it can be so termed, where written language supplied the place of speech. One prisoner hails from Chicago and the other from Brooklyn. They wrote that they had first met in Chicago during the World's Fair. Miller came to Philadelphia a year ago and Carr about two weeks since. Carr stated that Miller made a proposition to him to go to stealing because they would make more money and make it faster than by hard work. He agreed to go into the arrangement, and they went out into the country, believing the best booty was to be obtained with the least trouble in the suburban houses. They had no difficulty in getting into Mr. Miller's house, at Haverford, by forcing open a door, and they gave it a complete overhauling. Among the plunder they carried away were two new bicycles, one being a lady's wheel. This is the one which the police found in the custody of the young men when they were arrested on South Street. They said they concealed the machines in the woods until they could get a chance to bring them to Philadelphia. One was brought here, but the other was disposed of at an out-of-town place, and the detectives are aware of its location. The prisoners wrote that they had made four trips to Mr. Miller's house and each time they bore away a bundle of plunder. Some of it was taken to pawn shops and the remainder was concealed at their lodgings in the city, so that the detectives were able to recover everything, down to two valuable meerschaums which Mr. Miller prized highly, inasmuch as he was "coloring" them. There remained nothing more to do, in view of the indentification, except for Magistrate Jermon yesterday to commit the prisoners to be taken to Bryn Mawr to-day by Detective Johnson, of Norristown.

The reward is said to be a standing one, coming from a local association in Montgomery County, for the arrest of housebreakers.—*Philadelphia Ledger, June 29, 1896.*

Institution For The Deaf And Dumb, Belfast.

The Annual Examination of the pupils of the Ulster Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind was held in the schoolroom, on Tuesday, June 25. The chair was occupied by Sir William M'Cammond, J. P., and there was a large attendance of the general public and friends of the pupils. The examination was conducted by Mrs. J. Beattie, and the answering was in all respects satisfactory. A number of drawings; the work of the deaf and dumb pupils, were on exhibition, and bore silent testimony to the careful attention given by the teachers to this branch of instruction, and to the ability of the pupils to benefit by the facilities provided for them. At the close of the examination, those present adjourned to the spacious gymnasium, adjacent to the schoolroom, where a class of senior boys gave a creditable display of gymnastics under the direction of Mr. W. J. Ecvine. Many of the children left with their friends on Thursday afternoon, the remainder going home on Friday. The next session of the school will open on September 1st.—*The Silent Messengers, Belfast, Ireland.*

Sour discontent that quarrels with our fate may give fresh smart, but not the old abate; the uneasy passion's disingenuous wit, the ill reveals but hides the benefit.—*Blackmore.*

MARYLAND.

The Baltimore Society Elects New Officers.

COMING PICNIC AND EXCURSION.

Other Interesting News Items from Maryland.

BALTIMORE, MD., July 6th, 1896.—The Fourth of July was celebrated among the Deaf. It was reported that they had a very most enjoyable time visiting Gywinn Oak Park, Lakeside, Emony Grove and other places. Many fire works were splendidly given by the mutes at their homes on that night.

On Wednesday night, July 1st, the Society held its business meeting, and an election of new officers took place. It was presided by President J. A. Brauflick at 8:30 P.M. and J. W. Briscoe was chose as temporary secretary, on account of Secretary A. C. Buxton's absence who had gone away to the country with his wife and child to see the latter's father some days ago. Mr. H. S. Anderson offered his resignation as an active member of the society, and then it was accepted. The new officers, elected, were Wm. McElroy, President; Miss Maggie Schuman, Vice-President; John A. Branflick, Secretary; John H. Mooney, Treasurer; and James Gorsuch, Sergeant-at-arms. The business was laid over until September.

The Committee on Pic-nic will have a meeting in the Society's hall next Wednesday night. The Picnic will be held at Druid Hill Park on Wednesday, August 12, and the excursion of the Society, to Bay Ridge, on Thursday August 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Boss went down to Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md., last week to see the latter's relatives. They are expected to be home next Thursday.

Mr. Geo. M. Leitner and his best girl Miss Helen Wells are expected to go to Pen Mar next Wednesday.

Mr. O. J. Whildin came here from Philadelphia with his wife last Tuesday to live on West Baltimore St. during the summer. Mrs. Whildin had been spending seven months in Florida. Mr. Whildin and other mutes are expected to join the Society.

Mr. Frank Leitner, Supervisor of the boys at Edgewood Park, Pa., came home, and was seen in the chapel.

Misses Iola Pettit and Lulu Pancoast will go to the latter's home in Virginia on July 14th. Miss Pancoast is now on a visit to Miss Pettit.

On Wednesday evening, June 17th, there was a meeting of the Maryland State Association for the Deaf, and it was presided by First Vice-President, J. A. Branflick. The following officers were elected for the next two years, J. A. Branflick, President; Miss Alto M. Lowman, first Vice-President; W. McElroy, second Vice-President; John A. Trundle, third Vice-President; A. C. Buxton, Secretary; and Robert E. Underwood, Treasurer.

Mr. H. J. Gill, the retiring secretary delivered an address:

After the discussion of the points made by Mr. Gill, the remarks were made by Mr. J. A. Trundel.

Miss A. B. Barry read the following statistical paper:

Since the opening of our Barrack School in 1868, there have been 429 in attendance—43 have died (5 killed on the railroad, 2 drowned and 1 murdered.)

At our first Reunion in 1892, 103 graduates and former pupils, 15 not educated here and 7 children of deaf parents, were among us and 22 of the older pupils who were invited to remain to enjoy the event.

Eleven marriages have taken place since, and five of those present at that time have departed from this life.

The meeting was made further interesting by reminiscences of school days and later experiences. The Association then adjourned to meet on the call of the President.

It is reported that Miss A. Murphy is sinking very slowly and is at the point to death.

Miss Emma M. Schulte is expected to go to Secretary, Maryland, in the middle of July and spent a few weeks with her deaf friend, Miss Ella L. Merrick.

WILFORD.

A good deed is never lost: he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love: pleasure bestowed upon a grateful mind was never sterile.—*Basil.*

'Tis as a snowball which derives assistance from every flake, and yet rolls on the same, even till an iceberg it may chance to grow, but after all, 'tis nothing but cold snow.—*Byron.*

School for the Deaf, Teng Chow, Chefoo, China.

THE ONLY ONE IN CHINA.

Our readers know a good deal already about this effort in China to reach the Deaf and Dumb, and prove to their friends that they can be educated and be made useful and often clever members of society. We hope all who know of this School feel deeply interested in its work and success, for we must all help. We have related before how Dr. Charles Mills (nearly 40 years in China in connection with the Presbyterian Church of America) having a Deaf and Dumb son, himself, was naturally drawn towards the Deaf of China, and longed to do something for them; how he patiently taught his own boy till he was ten years old, and could ask and answer simple questions in writing, and then taking him to the Rochester School for the Deaf in America he awakened interest there in Chinese Children, and promised on his return to be on the look-out for some Deaf children for the Rochester Missionary Society to support. Miss Thompson, a trained teacher at Rochester, married Dr. Mills in 1886, and returned with him to China. As soon as Mrs. Mills mastered the language the School work began. When Dr. Mills travelled through the villages he asked at the close of his meetings, are there any Deaf children here? Several parents were prevailed upon to send their children, and the school, beginning with two, increased to eleven. Dr. Mills gave part of his private grounds for the school building, and saw that the boys and their teacher wanted for nothing—for Mrs. Mills had commenced the training of a native teacher. The Missionary Society with which they were connected could not use its funds to help the Deaf. They were entirely dependent on the little Society in America started by the Deaf of that country, and on the kindness and generosity of Dr. Mills, and a few native Christians.

Now since the death of Dr. Mills the work cannot be carried on without a paid teacher. We very much wish to keep Mrs. Mills as the head of the school for the four or five years she still hopes to remain in China. It is her own desire to see the school established before she leaves, as she will in time be obling to do, on account of her children.

In her letter, Mrs. Mills says, "Surely there must be some, either in the broad lands of Europe or America, willing and able to take up this work which is destined to become so great, laying the foundation for schools all over this vast empire." We cannot expect local or Government support as in India yet there have been contributions from Chinese people, and in time these would increase as the results come under their notice. We feel sure there are many with means at their command who would help if they understood the need, and the inability of and existing Missionary Society to take up the cause of the Deaf and Dumb.

We commend this work to the missionaries and workers among the Deaf and Dumb at home; let us speak of it often, both to the Deaf and their friends; let us help by our prayers and contributions, and soon with God's blessing we shall see the work in China set on a firm footing like that of India.

Most of the Deaf could give a weekly penny as the Deaf girls in Belfast do, having a box of their own, which opened this month, gives 208 coins value 18s. 1od. There are boxes specially made for this foreign work, one of which will be forwarded or any information given on application.—*Silent Messenger, Belfast, Ireland.*

Fullest Meeting of the College Alumni.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Near the close of the meeting at Gallaudet College I stated that there were as many members present (35) as were at the largest previous meeting, that at Chicago in 1893, although the latter had the World's Fair, World's Congress of the Deaf, and National Association of the Deaf to attract attendance, while the current meeting had only the mother's apron-string. This statement I now see should have been stronger; in the photograph of the members there are 35 figures, but, most unfortunately, the presentments of Messrs. Beadell and Chapin are *not* "in it;" consequently there were 37 members present and the meeting was the fullest yet held.

AMOS G. DRAPER.

July 4, 1896.

Honest designs justly resemble our devotions, which we must pay and wait for our reward.—*Sir Robert Howard.*

There can be no friendship without virtue; for that intimacy, which amongst good men is called friendship, becomes faction when it subsists among the unprincipled.—*Sallust.*

ITEMIZER.

Abbreviated News Concerning Deaf-Mutes.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally, or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column. Mark items to be sent: *The Itemizer.*

July 11th, the Deaf-Mutes Field Club plays at St. George Cricket Grounds, Hoboken, N. J.

Mr. Thomas Sheehan, of Northampton, a graduate of the Clarke Institute, is spending his vacation in Boston, expects to go to New Haven this week.

The name of the *Critic*, published at Dubuque, Ia., formerly known as the *Deaf-Mute Critic*, has been changed to the *Western Guide*, and Mr. Matt McCook is still the propreitor.

Miss A. P. Fish led Mrs. Blakley, of Wollaston, Mass., to the altar June 30th. They will live on Mr. Fish's a farm, a fine one left him by his mother. All their friends wish them a happy married life.

Lewis Lyons, of Chicago, Ill., in company with Arthur Coulters were in Sheffied, Ind., on the Fourth, and attended the races, afterwards they went to Windsor Park, Ind., and say they had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. McMechen, of Neponset, Mass., have gone to Virginia, to see Mr. McMechen's mother. The venerable lady is eighty-one years old. Mr. McMechen has not seen her for nine years. They expect to be gone one month.

Mrs. John H. Whittlesley, of Deerfield, Mass., owns a fine farm, which was left her by her father. She is a most lovable woman very gracuious and lady-like in her manners. It is a pleasure to meet her. She is a cousin to Governor Morton, of New York.

William L. Howell, of Port Jefferson, L. I., spent the fourth of July in Jamaica, L. I., met a deaf-mute, who wears a cap "Marked Dummy Boot-black." He cannot read or write, but he can talk with natural signs. Jamaica People treat him good, but laugh at Dummy's signs.

The deaf of this city, as well as those of nearby towns, which comprise the proposed Greater New York, should attend the Grand Excursion of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, July 15th. The club has gone to great expense, and the deaf should respond by attending so as to make their undertaking successful.

For nearly a quarter of a century the Rev. Austin W. Mann has moved in and out among the deaf of the Mid-Western States minisling to their spiritual needs. In the winter of 1873, he received a Lay-Reader's License from the Bishop of Michigan. On January 25th, 1877, at Grace Church, Cleveland, he was admitted to Deacon's Orders by Bishop Bedell, six years afterward, on the 13th of October, 1883, at the Church of the Convenant Philadelphia, he was advanced, by the same Bishop to the Order of Priests.

Franklin C. Smielau, '97, of Gallaudet College, is playing ball with the Kenton, O., semi-frofessional team. John M. Ryn, an erstwhile member of several Western League teams, plays first base or the same team. On July 4th, Smielau went into the the box against the Bellefontaine team, and won his own game with a two-base hit, bringing in four runs in two innings. Ryn put the sphere over the right-field fence for four bases, and won a pair of shoes. The Kenton won 12 to 8. They both expect to play ball together until they can secure employment.

Rev. Mr. Mann's Appointments.

JULY.

12—10:30 A.M., Chicago. Holy Communion.
12—3 P.M., Chicago. Evening Prayer and Sermon.
13—3 P.M., South Bend.
13—7:30 P.M., South Bend. Special Service.
14—7:30 P.M., Grand Rapids. Evening Service and Sermon.
15—7:30 P.M., Toled. Evening Service and Sermon.
19—10:30 A.M., Indianapolis. Holy Communion,
19—4 P.M., Indianapolis. Service and Sermon.
19—7:45 P.M., Richmond, Ind.
26—10:30 A.M., Detroit. Holy Communion.
26—3 P.M., Detroit. Service and Sermon.
31—7:30 P.M., Rochester. Service with the Rev. Mr. Dantzer.

AUGUST.

1—All day., Rochester. Convention E. S. D. M. A.

Appointments may be made between the above named dates in which case due notice will be given by mail. Please write the Rev. Mr. Mann at Gambier, Ohio.

"If I can control my feeling I want to say a word in token of the great love in which we hold the memory of this dear woman. I consider it a great honor to be a son of such a woman. She was wiser than Solomon, and her judgment and tact were strong traits in her character. She made our home, poor though it was, the best place on earth to us. Left a widow with nine small children, she set herself to the task of bringing up her family, and, with her strong faith in God, succeeded even better than she hoped. She taught us that poverty was no disgrace. During the first years of her widowhood she wept herself to sleep night after night, and we never knew of it until later years. Her love for her children was such that there was no favorite."—*D. L. Moody.*

Were it not better for a man in a fair room to set up one great light, or branching candlestick of lights, than to go abont with a rushlight into every dark corner.—*Bacon.*

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FANWOOD.

Deserved Compliments by a Medical Expert.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT FANWOOD.

A Large Influex of Visitors--News Items.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The following taken from the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, published in Chicago, Ill., under date of June 27, 1896, speaks for its self:

"One death in 3600 cases—The New York Institute for the Deaf and Dumb is creditably managed. In the last nine years one death has occurred, and this was from diptheria contracted outside during vacation. Average number of pupils annually, 400; Ages 2½ to 18 years; Average age 8 years. This remarkable record is attribted to the diet of beef and mutton with few foods from the vegetable kingdom, as wheat, potatoes etc. Obviously, this is an institution for health as well as deaf-mutes, and its methods are worth copying, by those who have persons of like ages in charge. If there are other like cases they should be known. This report reflects great honor on all concerned, specially on Prof. Currier, the Principal. Indeed, the Institute is a glory of New York!"

Independence Day passed off quietly at Fanwood. There was the usual influx of visitors and graduates that are always seen here on holidays. Some of the cadets went down to the city and saw the parade of Union and Confederate veterans of the civil war, also that of the naval veterans. In the evening they witnessed the display of fireworks in the village. Many paper balloons passed over the Institution. Two of them collapsed overhead and settled down within the grounds. Sunday evening they were sent up and floated away in the direction of Yonkers.

At Fort George, where there was a crowd of merry-makers, the writer met Mr. Aymerich, of Cuba, who recently came over to this country. He is an old Fanwood graduate.

Mr. Hallicy, at one time head supervisor, (Tutor as it is now known here) was among the visitors on the Fourth. Mr. Hallicy had not been at Fanwood for a long time, and the surroundings which he once knew so well seemed strange. If he had not seen cadets on the grounds, he would have come to the conclusion that it had been sold and was being used for some other purpose than a great school for the deaf. Mr. Hallicy thinks Fanwood graduates ought to feel proud of the improvements that are being made here.

Principal Currier has returned from the meeting of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. The others who attended the meetings from Fanwood were Profs. Fox and Jones and Miss Hall.

A handball tournament was started Friday. The first game was played between Frank Adams ("Buttons") and Belch. Belch winning both games. In the first the score stood 21—10 in the second 21—19.

Prof. Jones, took for his subject on Sunday, Proverbs, 28:1—The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are as bold as a lion." A moral story, of course, that held us interested for about two hours.

Messrs. W. H. Van Tassell and Anthony Capelli, spent the Fourth at the celebrated famous resort by the sea known as Coney Island—the only genuine Coney Island they say—all others are imitations

Editor Hodgson has gone to Auburndale, Mass., to rest for a brief time.

Mr. Theop. D'Estrella, instructor in the California School for the Deaf, was at the Institution on Tuesday, and was shown around by Prof. Fox.

J. H. K.

SERVICES FOR DEAF-MUTES JULY 12th.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 3 P.M.

St. Ann's in St. John, the Evangelist, Church, N. Y.

St. Mark's Church, Adelphi Street, Brooklyn.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Newbrugh.

Gallaudet Home for Deaf-Mutes 11 A.M., Holy Communion.

TROY AND ALBANY.

TROY, N. Y., July 8, 1896.—Speaking of the movements of noted artists and literary people in the way of taking their "Summer outings" especially with the object of combining employment with recreation, the special correspondent of New York City, in his letter to the *Troy Times*, takes the exceptional case of Mr. John G. Saxton, who is a deaf-mute artist of Troy, N. Y. and a recent graduate of Gallaudet College in the following words which are worthy of a persual:

"John G. Saxton is also a representation of American art abroad, and one whose genius reflects honor on his native land, he having won recognition in the highest circles by his vigorous and masterly style."

Midsummer is now near at hand and deaf people in Albany and Troy are preparing to pack up their "Saratoga" trunks for their summer vacation in the mountains, on the lakes, or at the sea-shore.

Messrs. Charles Mull and John Hogan of Albany, spent the Fourth of July in the Greater New York, and there they found that the Raines Bill and Rooseveltism were "too much" for them, so they decided to return home the next day, and they explained to their friends how they felt the effects of the big two Rs in that town down the way.

Mrs. T. I. Lounsbury and her little son to has gone home New York City after a weeks' visit with her sister Mrs. Myron R. Palmer in Albany. They would have intended to stay a week or two longer, but the germs of the dry climate in Albany which are different from those of the damp, wet and foggy climate in New York, did not agree with their breathing lungs, which were of consequence more or less affected.

Mrs. William Coombs, *nee* Miss Emma Rapp, of Brocklyn and her little dear "Freddie?" is spending the summer with her parents in Albany. Miss Coombs, the sister of her husband is with them.

Mrs. Myron Palmer, of Albany, will take the new palatial steamer "Adirondack" for New York City next Saturday the 11th, in time to attend the excursion of the Union League.

Mr. Clarence A. Boxley, of Troy, expects to leave for Asbury Park, N. J., about July 25th, where he will spent a week or so, and then he will return to Saratoga where he will stay a week with his uncle and aunt, who have leased for the season the college of U. S. Senator Murphy, of Washington, D. C., who is now who is slowly recovering from his recent illness at Long Branch, N. J.

Mr. Jeremiah Drumm, of Port Chester, N. Y., a former resident of Troy, is visiting friends in Troy.

Mrs. John Counerton, of Green Island, is going to Geneva, N. Y., next week and may probably take in the Empire State Convention at Rochester.

Miss Belle DeWelligar, of Albany is thinking of attending the convention at Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Hiram Burt, of Troy, mourns the loss of her aged mother who died last week.

Mrs. Edward Gilbeo, of Green Island, is summering in Vermont.

Mr. William Shanks, Tutor of the boys at the Fanwood School, is at home in Albany with his brother's family.

CAB.

Quaint Examination.

I once heard of an examination given to a young man who had applied to a missionary board for a commission as missionary to the heathen. The board appointed its wisest and most orignal member to examine the young man on his fitness for the work. The old man said he would try his best to find out what his qualifications were. It was very cold weather, the middle of winter, the young man lived nine miles away in the country.

The examiner sent him a message to be at his house for examination, at three o'clock sharp, next morning. He told his servant to kindle a good fire in the study, and notice exactly what time the young man arrived, and tell him to make himself comfortable. The young man rang the door bell as the clock struck three. The servant showed him in, and gave him the paper and a seat by the fire. And there he waited, waited, waited five long hours; the old man did not come down until eight o'clock. Then he came in and said:

"Oh, you're here are you? All right: when did you get here?"

"Three o'clock sharp."

"All right: it's breakfast time now; come in and have some breakfast."

After breakfast, they went back to the room. "Well, sir," said the old man. "I was appointed to examine your fitness for the mission field; that is very important—can you spell, sir?"

The young man said he thought he could, "Spell baker then."

"Ba—ba; k-e-r—ker."

All right; that will do; now do you know anything about fingers?"

"Yes, sir, something.

"How much is twice two?"

"Four."

"Three and one are how many?"

"Four."

"All right, that's splendid—you'll do first rate; I'll see the Board."

When the Board met, the old man reported. "Well, brethen, I have examined the candidate, and I recommened him for appointment. He'll make a tiptop missionary."

Now, my young friend, what do you think of that examination: was it fair? Well, I'll tell you what I think. I don't reckon you could all stand it, not all of you.

"First," said the examiner, "I examined the candidate on his self-denial. I told him to be at my house at three in the morning. He was there. That meant getting up at two in the morning, or sooner, in the dark and cold. He got up, never asked me why.

"Secondly—I examined him on promptness. I told him to be at my house at three sharp. He was there not one minute behind time.

"Thirdly—I examined him on patience. I let him wait five hours for me, when he might just as well have been in bed; and he waited, and showed no signs of impatience when I went in.

"Fourthly—I examined him on his temper. He didn't get mad; met me perfectly; pleasantly: didn't ask me why I had kept him waiting from three, on a cold winter morning, till eight,

"Fifthly—I examined him on humility. I asked him to spell words a five-year-old child could spell, and to do same in arithmetic a five-year-old child could do, and and he didn't show any indignation, didn't ask me why in creation I wanted to treat him like a child or a fool.

"Brethern, the candidate is self-denying, prompt, patient, obedient, good tempered, humble; he's just the man for a missionary, and I recommend him for your acceptance."

Now, my friends, I think that was the hardest examination I ever knew of. I've seen a great many examinations in Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Calculus Church History and Theology, and I never heard of any but that one young man who would have stood it.

Yet, my young friends, I assure you that that is the very examination the world is going to give you, through life; that is the examination God is going to give every one of you, and your success for time and eternity will depend on how you pass it.—*Southern Churchman.*

Excursion of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League.

We are pleased to announce that we have perfected our arrangements for the coming excursion on July 15th, and saw that everything was done, especially tending to make the affair one of pleasure and comfort for the weaker sex the mainstay of our successes in similar undertakings Nothing affords us greater happiness than to see so many mothers taking with them their babies and young children for such an excellent outing like the one under our management. We want them to come again in greater numbers, for we feel absolutely confident from past experience that the affair will be free from objectionable element. There will be excellet music aboard and a firm of caterers, whom we engaged for the occasion, has acceded to our demands, that they should sell soft drinks for five cents only. There will be no delay in landings as at former occasions for we have leased the dock at 23d St., East River, at our own expense and to this point, excursionists can be transferred from any part of the city for a single fare. We chartered the steamer "Sirius" instead of the "Cygnus," because the former has a larger capacity by three hundred, making her carrying capacity, 2100. We do this to relieve the crowded condition that characterized our former excursions. It is needless for us to say that no deaf-mute or any hearing person, for that matter, can afford to miss such a grand and immense event on July 15th as ours. Study the advertisements, and be careful not to make any mistake.

Fraternally Yours,
A. C. BACHRACH,
Chairman Committee.

STOLEN GOODS FOUND.

AN ARREST OF DEAF-MUTES ON SUSPICION LEADS TO A DISCOVERY.

Two deaf-mutes named Julius Miller, of Chicago, Ill, and Edward Carr, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were arrested yesterday at 435 South Street by Detectives Tate and Ulrich on suspicion of larceny. Miller and Carr had called at the South Street store to sell a bicycle, which the proprietor thought was stolen, as the strangers wrote on a piece of paper that they would let him have the wheel, a new one, for $20.

The police were communicated with and they found that the wheel had been stolen from J. Rulen Miller's house, Haverford, Pa. The house was entered by thieves in the absence of the family and a large quantity of goods was carried off.

Several pawn tickets were found on both prisoners, and when Julius Miller admitted that he had a room at 630 Race Street, the detectives visited it and found smoking articles which they said had been stolen from Mr. Miller's house at Haverford.—*Phila. Record.*

CONEY ISLAND.

The Famous Resort Attracts the Deaf.

OVER FIFTY THERE ON THE FOURTH.

The Island Has Lost None of Its Gayiety--The Deaf Have a Good Time.

Perhaps next to the National Capital, no other place in the United States is better known than Coney Island—New York's own dear Coney Island.

If you have never heard of Coney Island, why then you must be a "farmer," as Chimmie Fadden would say.

There are others.

Yes, but only a resemblance of New York's genuine Isle by the sea, with its attractive "Bowery" and unsurpassed Midway Plaisance.

It is a city by itself.

All others bearing the name are: Imitations.

In a great city like New York, it is natural to suppose there are deaf, who belong tot he middle class—who work for their bread and butter—but it is no reflection on New York's deaf, on the contrary they are to to be commended on their progressiveness. Many are able to command surprisingly large salaries. Some are able to spend a month or more in the country, or some swell resort by the sea, but the majority can't.

There is one place they all can go to.

And that is—

Coney Island!

This famous resort is becoming more popular each year. Years ago to be able to go to Coney Island was considered a treat. To-day the masses can afford to go there either by land or water, and for a very small sum. The amusements there are varied and within the means of all. You pay your money and take your choice.

The Fourth at Coney!

A week before the Glorous Fourth I made preparations to spend the day out of the city. Of the hundred pleasure places within an hour's journey from the city, Coney Island was selected as the best.

Friday evening, July 3d, after our work was done we—that is "Bill" and me—made the trip by one of the famous all-water-route iron steamers, one of the same kind of boats that the Deaf-Mutes' Union League have engaged for their grand excursion, July 15th. The sail alone is worth the price—to Coney and to the D. M. U. L excursion. So bear this in mind, and don't forget I said so.

At the Isle "Bill" and I secured rooms at a well known hotel—I don't give the name of the hotel, because all the hotels are well known there.

We then saw the sights by gas and electric lights. We saw the "Bowery" and Midway. Wonderful and beyond description either from my pen or from others whose pen are more pointed.

We—"Bill" and I—got up early on the Glorious Fourth. Sleep is out of the question at Coney Island on Independence Day. The noise was—what do the deaf call it—"awful!"

"Bill" said it was the flies. I think that the noise stirred the flies, and—the flies woke "Bill."

"Bill" does not like noise, that's why he went to Coney with me. He wanted to escape the thundering noise of the Young American in the city. But at Coney Island "Bill" says the noise there on the Fourth was—"awful!"

There were othere there besides "Bill" and me at Coney. I think about a quarter of a million, of which seventeen thousands were bicyclists, and about fiifty or more were deaf, and it is no exaggeration to say that the deaf enjoyed themselves better than the rest, for they were not in the least bothered about the noise, except "Bill," but it was only the flies that bothered "Bill."

The "Bowery" at Coney is still there. Raines Law "Nit." More hotels there now, but do not try to ask for lodging there, don't. If you do, in the language of Chimmie Fadden they will say: "Wot'tell, this is no lodging house, it's a hotel!"

Most of the deaf congregated at Louis Stauch's.

Why at Stauch's?

Well, Stauch has a deaf brother—John Stauch—a sort of good fellow.

Besides Stauch has a fine bathing pavilion, dancing hall, a good restaurant, a fine hotel, and one of the best conducted livery stables on the Island.

The following are the names of some of the deaf who were at Coney Island on the Fourth:

Messrs. I. Newton Soper, Fred. W. Meinken, of New York City, and Charles McManus, of Newark, N. J., went down in the morning on their wheels.

The others were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Thomas, Mr. Leow and Miss Sarah Stein, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenecker, Mr. McDonald and Miss Caraline Brantigan, Mr. Jerry Hayes and Miss Malloy, Messrs. John Hogan, of New York City, John Henry Hogan and Charles Mull, of Albany, N. Y., William and Robert McVea, Peter Redington, and so many others.

They shot the chute at Coney Island, yes, they did just exactly as other people and had a good time.

A. QUAD.

Eighteenth Convention of the EMPIRE STATE ASSOCIATION of Deaf-Mutes.

The regular business meeting of the Empire State Association of Deaf-Mutes will be held at ROCHESTER on FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 31 AND AUGUST 1, 1896.

PLACE OF MEETING.

The Rochester Young Men's Christian Association has kindly placed one of its halls at the disposal of the Association. The Y. M. C. A. building is most conveniently located at the corner of South St. Paul and Court Streets. To reach the hall take elevator from first floor.

SESSIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The morning and afternoon of Friday, July 31, will be devoted to tne transaction of the regular business of the association. The following order of business will be observed:

MORNING SESSION—9 A.M.

1. Prayer.
2. Presidents' Address.
3. Reports of Officers.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Reading of papers, with discussion thereof.

Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P.M.

1. Reading of papers.
2. Miscellaneous business.
3. Election of officers.

The names of the speakers and the titles of their papers will be announced later. Saturday, August 1st, will be devoted to sight-seeing and recreation. The local committee is now engaged in making arrangements for either an excursion or a picnic, and the details will be announced as soon as the arrangements are perfected.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

A service for the deaf will or held in St. Paul's Chapel on Mortimer Street (off North St. Paul Street, about two blocks from Main) on Friday evening, July 31st, at half past seven o'clock, to which the members of the association are cordially invited.

HOTEL RATES.

The New Osburn House on South St. Paul Street near Court, and but a few steps from the Y. M. C. A. building, is designated as the headquarters of the Association. This is a first class hotel with ample accommodations, and it offers the following rates to members: Two persons in a room, $1.50 each per day; single rooms, $1.75.

The Whitcomb House, corner of Main and Clinton Streets, offers to following rates: Two persons in a room, $1.75 each per day; single rooms, $2.00.

Free busses for the hotels meet arrivals at all depots.

RAILROAD RATES.

An effort is making to secure substantial reductions for members from the various railroads. Notice of the rates obtained will be given in the course of a few weeks.

COMMITTEES, ETC.

The Rev. C. O. Dantzer is chairman of the local committee, and to him all communications in regard to the local arrangements should be made. The secretary has charge of the arrangements for the business meetings of the Association and all persons desiring to read papers or otherwise to take part in the proceedings are urged to communicate with him at once.

Members are requested to watch this notice for changes and additions, which will be made from week to week from this time forward.

T. H. JEWELL, *President.*
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